

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the above amendment and the following remarks.

The claims have been amended to eliminate reference numbers to broaden the claims.

In response to the rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 USC 112, 2nd para., claim 1 has been amended to define the number of drive circuits required.

In response to the rejection of claims 11-13 and 15-17 under 35 USC 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by US2004/0085270 to Kimura, applicants traverse this rejection.

More specifically, Kimura does not disclose connecting driver circuits "selectively to the reference driver circuit during a first addressing period to perform a calibration operation." There is no calibration in Kimura that occurs during successive addressing periods.

Also, Kimura does not disclose "the calibration and driving operations for each of said plurality of controllable driver circuits are interchanged during successive addressing periods" There is no calibration in Kimura that occurs during successive addressing periods.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Applicant may be reached by telephone at the number given below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee (except the issue fee) including fees for any required extension of time, to Account No. 14-1270.

Respectfully submitted,

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